



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 06-7

February 8, 2006

Petition of Bay State Gas Company to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §94A, for approval of an agreement between Bay State Gas Company and Northeast Energy Associates, a Limited Partnership, governing Bay State's acquisition of incremental capacity and supply.

On January 27, 2006, Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State" or "Company") filed a petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") for approval of a Long-Term Gas Supply and Capacity Agreement with Northeast Energy Associates, a Limited Partnership ("NEA") whereby NEA will provide Bay State with a baseload gas supply service of 48,000 Dth per day at or near Centerville, New Jersey, at the interconnect of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation and Algonquin Gas Transmission Company ("Algonquin"). In addition, NEA will release to Bay State 48,000 Dth per day of Algonquin's firm transportation capacity. The Agreement covers a period in excess of one year and is therefore subject to the Department's jurisdiction under G.L. c. 164, § 94A. This matter has been docketed as D.T.E. 06-7.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on Bay State's petition. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, February 28, 2006**, at 3:00 p.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. A procedural conference will follow immediately thereafter. The petition and accompanying exhibits are available for inspection at the Company's office, NiSource Corporate Services, 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts, 01581, and at the Department's offices, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Any person who desires to file written comments or to participate otherwise in this proceeding shall file an original and four (4) copies of such written comments or petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, February 24, 2006**, and serve one copy on counsel for the Company,

Patricia M. French, Senior Attorney, NiSource Corporate Services, 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts, 01581.

A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Please submit a copy of all nonproprietary written pleadings, comments, or petitions to intervene to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and denise.desautels@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, D.T.E. 06-7; (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be formatted as either Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF compatible files. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte>.

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact: Denise Desautels, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, tel. (617) 305-3561.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary